



*"Figures in Conversation – Étapes," Leslie Hunter*

# Larchmont Avenue Church

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## Ninth Sunday After Pentecost August 10, 2025

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch  
Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



**PRELUDE**

“How Can I Keep from Singing”  
Melanie Huang, flute

Arr. Marianne Kim

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

**\*THE PEACE**

The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the convictions of things not seen.

**All: Like Abraham, let us follow God, even when we don't know where we are going.**

One: By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

**All: Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #641**

“When In Our Music God is Glorified”

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(in unison)*

**God of Hope and Promise, we admit that our faith sometimes falters. We acknowledge that our doubts and grievances often overwhelm. We struggle to comprehend our own suffering and that of others. Pardon us when we lose faith in you and in ourselves. Guide us back to harmonious relationships. Encourage us to stay engaged and committed to meaningful dialogues filled with grace. Amen.** *(time for silent prayer)*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*GLORIA (#581)**

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.***

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** *(in unison)*

**God of Wisdom, still our hearts and silence our distractions so that we can be fully present to your Word. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, let us hear what you have to say to us today, and give us the courage to listen and respond to your call. In Jesus' name, Amen**

**GOSPEL READING:**

Luke 12:32-40

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Rev. Anna Grace Claunch

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**SERMON**

“What is Faith?”

Rev. Claunch

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #39

*“Great is Thy faithfulness,” O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not  
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.*

*“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!”  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Bynum

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

## THE GREAT AMEN (congregation singing)

*Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!*

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Financial gifts may be shared electronically via the Realm Connect app or by scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.*



## OFFERTORY

*“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”  
Melanie Huang, flute*

Arr. Rebecca Bonam

## \*DOXOLOGY (#607)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore Amen.*

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## \*CLOSING HYMN #543

*“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”*

## \*BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”  
Melanie Huang, flute*

Arr. Marianne Kim

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,  
but there is no expectation that you remain seated during this time.  
Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors.*

*\*Please stand if you are able .*

## TODAY’S MUSICAL GUEST

College student Melanie Huang is both a member and a regular musical instrumentalist at LAC.

# Announcements & Happenings

## PRAYERS

Do you have a prayer request to share?  
Call our prayer line (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

## FLOWERS

If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please contact the office at [broodal@lacny.org](mailto:broodal@lacny.org).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- We look forward to having everyone joining us in the fall for Men's Bible study, Women's Bible study, Sunday School and Youth Group.
- We love having little ones in worship with us! However, if you prefer, we have a nursery for infants & toddlers in Room 114 in the education wing. Ask an usher for directions.

## FELLOWSHIP

- Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at [pbynum@lacny.org](mailto:pbynum@lacny.org).

## SEEKERS



LAC SEEKERS kicks off with a very special event on 9/6 at 8 PM

An Evening with Carrie Newcomer, singer, songwriter, poet, and activist.

Hailed by Rolling Stone Magazine as someone who asks "all the right questions," Carrie has 20 nationally released albums to her credit. We're so pleased that her soulful, bluesy voice will fill our sanctuary for this very special evening!

Learn more about Carrie on our website. Reserve your seat, spread the word, and be sure to stay for the Champagne and Confections reception to follow the concert.



ADMISSION IS FREE!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER AND LISTEN TO CARRIE'S MUSIC

## THIS WEEK AT LAC

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

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ADORATION

# 641 When in Our Music God Is Glorified



1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied,  
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found  
 3 So has the church, in lit - ur - gy and song,  
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night  
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise!



and ad - o - ra - tion leaves no room for pride,  
 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound,  
 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong,  
 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the light?  
 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise!



it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried:  
 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found  
 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue:  
 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:  
 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

Written to supply this tune with words suitable for occasions celebrating music, this text explores how human song gives voice to creation, how music can convey new insight, how sung faith has kept the church authentic, how Jesus relied on the psalms, and how sound can be praise.

# God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me

O Christ, Surround Me



1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to  
 2 Bind to my-self the Name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness-  
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light-ning,  
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to  
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:  
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:  
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:  
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:  
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur-round me; O Christ, sur-round me.

This hymn is a 21st-century adaptation of the traditional Celtic prayer style known as a *lorica* (Latin for "armor" or "breastplate"). Many such petitions for God's presence and protection were never written down, but this one is based on an example attributed to St. Patrick.